

# Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation



The city of Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today. **Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Please take note of the location of a particular program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a particular place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

## REGISTRATION

- Go to [www.seattle.gov/parks](http://www.seattle.gov/parks) and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take as long as 24 hours so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

## Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

### Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)  
Seattle, WA. 98199  
Phone: 206-386-4236  
Email: [discovery.park@seattle.gov](mailto:discovery.park@seattle.gov)  
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30a.m. to 5p.m.

### Camp Long

5200 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW  
Seattle, WA. 98126  
Phone: 206-684-7434  
Email: [camplong@seattle.gov](mailto:camplong@seattle.gov)  
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10a.m. to 6p.m.  
Closed Sundays beginning November 1.

### Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road  
Seattle, WA. 98177  
Carkeek Park ELC was closed due to budget cuts in 2010.  
Programs, however, are still offered at the park.  
Contact Discovery Park ELC.



# Program Descriptions Winter 2015

*All programs led by highly trained Seattle Volunteer Naturalists*

## Stewardship Opportunities

### New Year's Restoration Resolution

Discovery Park

**Ages:** All    **Free**

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

- Chinese proverb

Resolve to restore Seattle forests in 2015. Start here. All supplies and instructions provided.

**#128271 1/3/2015 Sat 1 – 4 p.m.**



- Chinese Proverb



### Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy Planting

Discovery Park

**Ages:** All    **Free**

Commemorate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by planting a tree to celebrate peace and social justice in our world. All instructions and supplies provided.

**#128272 1/17/2015 Sat 1 – 4 p.m.**

# Winter Wildlife Walks

## Wildlife in Winter

Carkeek Park

**Ages:** 6 and older     **Free**

What do our wild neighbors do during the cold months? Join a naturalist to explore some winter survival strategies.

**#128410     1/10/2015     Sat 2 – 4 p.m.**

## Birds of the Blustery Beach

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Free**

Brave the elements of winter on Discovery's beaches to view the best birds this season brings to our shores. Please bring a field guide and binoculars if you have them. Dress for blustery weather.

**#128273     1/18/2015     Sun 1 – 2:30 p.m.**



## Headbanger's Ball

Camp Long

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Free**

Don't just sit there banging your head against the wall! Come on out to the woods and join some naturalists to explore the wonderful, wild and wacky world of woodpeckers.

**#128285   1/24/2015   Sat 9 – 11 a.m.**

## Birds of Lincoln Park's Blustery Beach

Lincoln Park

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Free**

Brave the elements of winter at Lincoln Park's beach to view the best birds the season brings to our shores. Please bring a field guide and binoculars if you have them. Dress for blustery weather. **Meet the naturalist at the south parking lot on Fauntleroy.**

**#128274   1/24/15   Sat 10:30 a.m. - Noon**

## Woodpecker Walk

Carkeek Park

**Ages:** 6 and older     **Free**

Come meet some special residents of Carkeek Park – the woodpeckers. They are seen working hard all winter long. Join us to track down our hard-headed friends. And be prepared to listen. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

**#128411   2/7/2015   Sat   9 – 11 a.m.**



## Winter Wildlife Walks cont.

### Seeking Salamanders

Carkeek Park

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Free**

Slip into the secretive world of salamanders. Find out who they are, what they look like, and where to find them. Meet the naturalist on the east end of the lower meadow.

**#128412     3/7/2015     Sat     2 – 4 p.m.**

### Great Blue Herons

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Free**

Discover why these birds are called “Great”. Visit a large rookery close to the park. Explore your connection to this amazing bird and how their continued survival depends upon you. Wear your walking shoes as we walk as much as one mile.

**#128278   3/14/2015   Sat     10 a.m. – Noon**

**#128279   3/21/2015   Sat     10 a.m. – Noon**

### Salamander Search

Camp Long

**Ages:** 6 and older     **Free**

Overcome those wintertime blues by bundling up and getting outside. Learn the importance of those dark, dank, wet places by searching under logs and in the ponds for those beautiful, mysterious creatures – the salamanders. There are at least three different types to find at Camp Long. Let’s challenge ourselves to find all of them.

**#128409     3/14/2015     Sat     2 – 4 p.m.**



# Nature at Night

## Full Moon Trek

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Fee:** \$5.00

Experience Discovery Park from a different perspective. This is a guided hike illustrating what makes the park special after dark. Venture into the moonlit park and explore the world like a nocturnal animal. Please come prepared with warm clothes.

**#128275 1/31/2015 Sat 7 – 9 p.m.**

## Owl Hoot

Camp Long

**Ages:** 6 and older     **Fee:** \$5.00

Join us for a dusk-to-dark owl prowling through Camp Long's woodland.

**#128286 2/21/2015 Sat 5 – 7 p.m.**



## Owl Prowl

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 8 and older     **Fee:** \$5.00

Whoo prowls the park after dark? YOU do...in search of resident and migrant owl species. We'll search meadow and forest to look for owls up close in their habitat.

**#128277 2/28/2015 Sat 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

## Spring Time Night Time Sound Celebration

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 6 and older     **Fee:** \$5.00

Celebrate the Spring equinox with a night time adventure at Discovery Park! Experience with a naturalist the sounds of nature at night such as croaking frogs and hooting owls.

**#128280 3/21/2015 Sat 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

## Winter Plant Walk



### **Wearing O' the Green**

Camp Long

**Ages:** 8 and older      **Free**

Spring may be popping out all over. In honor of St. Patrick's Day and the coming o' spring, take a forest stroll with a naturalist and enjoy the native plants of the Pacific Northwest.

**#128287   3/15/2015   Sun   2 – 4 p.m.**

## History Programs

### **Discovery Park History – The Early Years**

Discovery Park

**Ages:** 12 and older      **Free**

Join us on a journey to the “early years” – the time before this land was a park or even a military fort. Explore what was here and learn who was here.

**#128276   2/21/2015   Sat   2 - 4 p.m.**



## Tot Treks and Nature Play Programs

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult that is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends. **Ages:** 2 – 3 with an adult **Fees:** \$4. 00

### Hop Into Spring

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Spring is here! Let's jump, run, walk, or crawl our way through the park as we look for signs of new life!

**#128281 3/21/2015 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

### Spring Fling

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddlers. Take a hike through Camp Long searching high and low for all the signs of Spring.

**#128288 3/17/2015 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

### Every Little Thing in the Spring

Carkeek Park

In Piper's Creek watershed 'neath the tall old trees, is a special place for you and a toddler to explore. This is a special hike to look at all the little things in the forest that are often overlooked.

**#128284 3/19/2015 Thu 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.**

## Register for nature programs today!

